



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

13 APRIL 2021

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Illegal Pot Growing Operation Suspected in Home Explosion

(U) Authorities said an explosion that rocked a Valley Glen house and sent two people to hospitals apparently was not caused by a natural gas leak but an illegal grow operation. Seven people were inside the home when the blast occurred, including a 59-year-old man that was taken to a hospital with critical burn injuries. Firefighters dug a 46-year-old man out of the debris who was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Another man suffered minor injuries but declined treatment, and a 65-year-old woman and three children also sustained minor injuries.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [FOX 11](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – California Inmate Pleads Guilty to \$100,000 COVID-19 Fund Fraud

(U) A California prison inmate and an accomplice have pleaded guilty to conspiring to steal more than \$100,000 in unemployment benefits. The money was supposed to help those who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's one of numerous thefts that authorities say together topped \$810 million. Alana Powers, 45, an inmate at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla, and Jason Vertz, 51, of Fresno, each pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and aggravated identity theft.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – Three Arrested Near Planned White Lives Matter Demonstration

(U) Three people were arrested following an incident at McKinley Park where a so-called "White Lives Matter" event was scheduled. Three counter-protestors at the park confronted two people who police said were there to livestream the event but were leaving because no one was at the park. A confrontation escalated, and the three counter-protestors assaulted the pair and tried to steal their backpack. Ivan Pulido, 28, Joshua Fernandez, 45, and Phuong Lee, 54, were booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail for charges related to assault and attempted robbery.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [FOX 40](#)

#### (U) Turlock – Federal Indictment Details Boogaloo Extremist Group

(U) A Turlock man is accused of founding a militia-style group connected to the killing of two officers in 2020. The so-called "California Grizzly Scouts" was part of the "Boogaloo" movement based in Northern California. Newly unsealed court documents take us inside a radical organization, one that trained for combat, and ultimately led to the alleged killing of two officers. They are an anti-government and anti-law enforcement movement. The group is tied to the shootings of a federal officer and a sheriff deputy over a one-week span in 2020. Former Travis Air Force Base airman Steven Carrillo is charged with the killings. Court documents show Carrillo messaged the group "dudes I offed a fed."

SOURCE: 13 April 2021, [CBS 13](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Minnesota – Police Fire Tear Gas at Protesters in a Second Night of Demonstrations

(U) Brooklyn Center – Police fired tear gas and stun grenades last night as a crowd gathered to protest the killing of a Black man by a police officer in a Minneapolis suburb. Protesters were launching bottles,

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fireworks, bricks, and other projectiles at public safety officials. It was the second night of protests after Daunte Wright, 20, was killed by a police officer during a routine traffic stop. A curfew was in effect for Brooklyn Center and police arrested those in violation who ignored dispersal orders.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) Tennessee – Shooting at High School Leaves One Dead and Police Officer Injured**

(U) Knoxville – One person is dead, and a police officer was injured during an officer-involved shooting at a high school. Knoxville Police Department officers responded to Austin-East Magnet High School in northeast Knoxville after reports of a male subject who was possibly armed in the school. As officers approached the subject, shots were fired, and one officer was shot at least once and was transported to the UT Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. One male was pronounced dead at the scene, and one male was detained for further investigation.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [ABC News](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Canada – COVID-19 Lockdown Protests Turn Violent**

(U) Montreal – Riots erupted in Montreal as hundreds took to the streets to protest ongoing COVID-19 restrictions keeping the area on lockdown, including an overnight curfew. Though the protest began peacefully, it eventually descended into destruction, as rioters lit fires and smashed in several storefront windows during the display. Montreal cops dished out a preliminary total of 108 tickets, 107 for violating public health regulations, and one for another unspecified violation, and made seven arrests.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [NY Post](#)

### **(U) Denmark – Man Charged for Terror Attack Plots**

(U) Copenhagen – A man has been charged in Norway for his alleged role in plans to carry out three extremist attacks in Denmark and in London, and for purportedly spreading propaganda for the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) on the internet. Authorities believe the 24-year-old man, who was not identified, was part of a group that sought to strike a church in England. The man was also allegedly involved in plans for one or more attacks in Denmark in March and April 2019 with help from at least one Danish citizen.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### **(U) France – Homeschooling System Hit by Hackers from Russia and China**

(U) Paris – Hackers operating from Russia and China targeted France's homeschooling platform which crashed at the start of a nationwide lockdown. The cyber-attacks on the program originated in Russia and China but it was unclear whether the perpetrators were themselves Russian and Chinese. The platform, which was used by more than a million pupils and teachers to continue classes after schools were shut to halt the spread of COVID-19.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [AFP](#)

### **(U) Turkey – Six ISIS Suspects Apprehended in Southeastern Region**

(U) Kahramanmaras – Turkish security forces rounded up six suspects for their suspected links to the ISIS. In Kahramanmaras-based operation that was carried out simultaneously in Kayseri and Gaziantep provinces, gendarmerie teams arrested the suspects found to be operating on behalf of ISIS in conflict zones in Syria. In 2013, Turkey became one of the first countries to declare ISIS a terrorist group. The country has since been attacked by the terror group multiple times, with more than 300 people killed and hundreds injured in at least 10 suicide bombings, seven bomb attacks, and four armed assaults.

SOURCE: 12 April 2021, [AA](#)

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